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County budget set at more than $7.8 million

A $7,829,394 budget for the coming fiscal year received preliminary approval at Friday's meeting of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors.

The budget represents an increase of approximately seven percent compared with the 1981-82 budget. However, the county tax rate will remain the same next year as this: 60 cents per $100 for real estate, $3.50 per $100 for personal property, and $1 per $100 for sales tax.

Franklin Vaughan, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, attributed the stable tax rate to the efficient manner in which the various county agencies have operated in the past year.

The lion's share of the budget is devoted to school expenditures, with a total of $5,430,915 allocated for the coming fiscal year. Barbara Williams, clerk of the circuit court, notes that the school allocation is in line with previous years. The school division normally receives between 75 and 79 percent of the county budget, according to Williams.

Citizens of Appomattox County will have an opportunity to voice their comments about the budget and ask questions at a public hearing scheduled for June 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the county court house.

A complete listing of budget line items can be found on page 11 of this week's **Times-Virginian**.

Time Capsule

CAROLYN A. COLEMAN'S fifth- and sixth-grade Think Tank, Gifted and Talented Program students will plant a time capsule tomorrow (Friday). Included in the capsule will be artifacts depicting life in the 1980s. A record of this capsule will be kept in the office of Appomattox Elementary School, and in 30 years, it will be uncovered. With the capsule, a bank account has been started in the school's name. The money and the interest will be used for a school project for the class of 2012. (Photo by Allen Austin)

Five nominated for school board seat

Five persons have been nominated for the Appomattox County School Board term which expires this year, according to Barbara R. Williams, clerk of the circuit court.

The five were nominated via petitions containing a minimum of 50 names.

The school board position representing Stonewall District is currently occupied by Dr. A. A. Fratrick, one of the five persons nominated for the coming term.

Others nominated for the Stonewall District seat are Mr. Bernet Revely, Mrs. Henrietta P. Johnson, Mrs. Lorene Lawrence Wenning, and Mr. John Thomas (Plicky) Williams.

Under a recently adopted school-board selection system, the five nominees will be reviewed by a school board selection committee consisting of Franklin Vaughan, chairman of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, and three representatives from the Stonewall District.

The selection committee will reduce the number of nominees to three, according to Williams. Then, a public hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors on June 9 at the county court house at 8 p.m.

Following the public hearing, the Supervisors will decide which of the nominees is best suited to serve the needs of the Stonewall District, and announce their decision at the June 11 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

County athletes to be honored on 'Appomattox County Day'

Appomattox County will be in the spotlight at Lynchburg's City Stadium this Sunday, in what has been officially proclaimed "Appomattox County Day" at the stadium.

The promotion will feature pre-game activities including recognition of the Appomattox County High School varsity and junior varsity baseball teams, the girls' softball team, and the school band, which will perform during the day.

A softball game is scheduled to kick off the festivities at 1:45 p.m. It will feature former members of the Appomattox Green Sox team and Appomattox town and county officials. The Green Sox, owned by Appomattox County's John Curtis Caldwell in the early 1940s, was part of the Skyline League.

A special performance by the ACHS band will begin at 2:15 p.m., and at 2:30, the players and coaches of the baseball and softball teams at the high school will be recognized.

The main event, a game between the Lynchburg Mets and the Peninsula Pilots, is scheduled to begin at 2:45 p.m.

Ronald C. Spiggle, Appomattox Mayor; Franklin Vaughan, Chairman of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors; and Patrick Harrison, Pamplin Mayor join together in their endorsement of the special day.

"I sincerely hope the people of the Appomattox Community will support the Lynchburg Mets and the activities of this special day," said Mayor Spiggle, "the Mets are close to the Appomattox Community and they play excellent baseball and some of the players have gone on to play for the New York Mets and other teams. If you like baseball, then I know you'll enjoy the Mets."

Board Chairman Vaughan had this to say, "I'd like to see the people of Appomattox County support the Lynchburg Mets. I feel, that in order to keep a strong professional baseball team in Lynchburg, they need the support of not only the people of Lynchburg but the people of the surrounding areas. I enjoy baseball; it's good clean entertainment and I sincerely hope our people will support it."

The promotion is being presented by the Lynchburg Mets, the Times-Virginian Newspaper, and X-107 WTTX radio.

A number of free tickets are being offered for the special event honoring Appomattox County. For ticket outlets, see advertisement on page 5.

TOWN MANAGER Bill Britton is shown holding 3½ times the funding quota for Appomattox County's Multiple Sclerosis funding drive, collected in just 3½ hours by volunteers in Appomattox. Britton expressed his "special thanks to Robin Britton, Shirley Walton, Janet Noble, Becky Lawson, Helen Anderson, Dot Davidson and Judy Volturo, and all the other volunteers who helped." Britton notes that the MS Support Group will meet May 25 at Memorial Methodist Church. A representative from the Charlottesville MS Chapter and a Social Security representative will be on hand at the meeting. All MS families and friends are invited to attend.

Pro wrestlers slated

Professional wrestling will return to Appomattox County next Tuesday (May 24) in the ACHS gym starting at 8:15 p.m.

The wrestling exhibition will feature King Kong Mascoa vs. Jack Brisco, Roddy Piper vs. Don Morocco, Johnny Weaver and Pork Chop Cash vs. Private Nelson and Private Kernodle, and others.

Tickets for the event are on sale at Appomattox Truck and Tractor, Appomattox Drug Store, and from any member of the Appomattox County High School athletic department.

Proceeds from the event, which is being sponsored by the ACHS Athletic Boosters, will benefit the athletic programs at the high school.

POSTMASTER ORA S. McCOY presented a letter and service award pin to rural carrier R. Wayne Lee on Friday. The award was given in recognition of 25 years of creditable work with the U.S. Postal Service. (Photo by Allen Austin)

Minimum competency test scores returned

ACHS Sophomores who took the Virginia Graduation Competency Tests in Math and Reading during the March testing session have received the results of their efforts.

An individual performance report was given to each student to explain the scores. The minimum score needed for passing is 70%. Additional information on the report includes the number of items in each skill area and the number of items answered correctly in each skill area and for the test as a whole. A guide of interpretation appears at the bottom of the report.

Students who were absent during testing or who failed one or both tests will have the opportunity to take the Math and Reading tests again next spring.

Students who receive a Virginia diploma upon graduation from high school must successfully complete the four competency areas of reading, math, citizenship and college preparation/job entry.

Further information may be obtained from the Guidance Counselors at the high school.

Festival benefits planned

The Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival Steering Committee is working the concession stand at the town ball park during church league softball games on Friday and Saturday nights, according to a committee spokesman.

Proceeds from the concession stand will be used to support the festival entertainment this year.

In addition, the committee is planning a bake sale this Saturday in Triangle Plaza Shopping Center. The sale will begin at 2 p.m. and continue until all the baked goods are sold out.

Proceeds will be used to help finance the festival this year.

Father Darkleaf

By Calvin Robinson

There may be differences of opinion as to the big news item of the hour. For some it may be the situation as to war or peace in the South Atlantic. Others see the economy, jobs, taxes, prices as the big news. Many are sure the big news is school graduation time. I know not what course you may make, but for me the big news is that while walking in my yard, I found a four-leaf clover! Have it on display in our living room, in a water glass and eventually will press it in a book for keeps. Many believe a four-leaf clover means good luck. Only once before have I found a four-leaf clover. Sent that to a VIP politician. This one I'm keeping. Wish me luck.

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In the recent Buckingham County Day parade, Appomattox won first honor in the volunteer fire company category.

The note said: "From a reader of your column while visiting in rural Appomattox." It enclosed a copy of The Sentry-News, of Slidell, Louisiana. Fine newspaper, whose slogan is "A step ahead of the times." Forty-four pages. Thanks.

Bros. James Cole has loaned me a copy of the 1920 yearbook of the Appomattox Agricultural High School. The Agricola. Heavens to Betsy, it is packed with pictures and names and information. There were five high school teachers. Lindsay Crawley, principal and math teacher. Miss A. D. Johns, English, History, French. Havilah Babcock, Latin and English. T. F. Akers, Agriculture and Manual Training. Miss Mary H. McConnell, Domentic Science and Art. Grade Work teachers were: Miss Willie Stanley, Miss Hatrie Fore, Miss Gladys Smith, Miss Flora Williams, Miss Edmonia Hardy. and Miss Kate Franklin, Musical Director. Seniors included: Cornelia Gills, Hudson Anderson, Mary Taylor Gills, Nannie G. Harvey, Davis Street, Harriet Elizabeth Fracker, Eloise Atwood, Jimmie Conner, Elaine McDearmon, Virginia Dare Harvey, William A. Moorefield Rheda Drinkard, Nettie Mae Moses, Edwin G. Adams, Bettie Morris. Lucile O'Brien was Historian. There were twenty-three juniors, with John Cheatham as president, Reggie Stanley, vice-president and Frances Street, secretary. There were twenty-five sophomores, twenty-six freshmen. Jack Moore was captain of the baseball team. The girls basketball team had nine members, with Eloise Atwood was manager and Elaine McDCearmon as captatin. The Dramatic Club had twenty-six members. A number of students came from Halifax County, lived in the Dormitary and the Halifax Club had thirteen members. There were nineteen pages of advertisements. Some local advertisers were: Bank of Appomattox, State Bank of Pamplin, L. F. Ferguson Insurance Agency, Jerry A. Burke, Insurance Agency, H. M. Burge, General Merchandise; Moses and Hancock, "The Motor Power People"; The Farmers National Bank, Brown and Smith, J. W. Cawthorn, L. E. Smith, Charles F. James, druggist. Comment: Save your school records, books, even report cards. The Class of '82 will treasure every detail, just as this yearbook of 1920 is rich to so many families memories.

Thanks for reading and seeya around.

On May 25

Band set for concert

The Appomattox County High School Band will present its Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 25, at 7:30 in the High School auditorium. This concert is open to the public and there is no admission.

The Band has been very busy this year. They presented halftime shows at football games, the Pep Band played at basketball games, Railroad Day Parade, Homecoming Parade, Band Day in Richmond, won third place in Farmville Christmas Parade, participated in Christmas Parade at Lynchburg Training School and Hospital, and presented Christmas Concerts for the public as well as at other schools which included Santa distributing candy canes to the younger students.

Upcoming events on the calendar include participating in Appomattox County Day activities at Lynchburg City Stadium on May 23, presenting the Spring Concert on May 25, the Band Awards Banquet and playing for Graduation exercises on June 11.

Band members and auxiliary include the following students: Keith Leonard, Bruce Sanders, David Hancock, Blair Smith, Dean Hamilton, Laura Magann, Robin Paulette, Diane Jones, Vivian Seay, Jan Armentrout, Wesley Baldwin, Diann Harvey, Jo Ellen Garrett, Neal Leonard, Esther Saunders, Emily Steinkamp, Carol Lukehart, Barbara Rosser, Richard Baxter, Jeff Jaggars, Delores Smith, Tracy Trent, Jack Williams, June Jenkins, Lisa Williamson, Angela Megginson, Duane Hamlet, Jan Armentrout, Carolyn Carnefix, Martha Haley, Roger Steinkamp, Timmy Lawson, Anne Hancock, James Bohannon, Brenda Franklin, Tommy Hanson, Jason Justis, Bentley Nash, Mike Roach, Elizabeth Saunders, Janet Smith, Cathy Robertson, Roger Steinkamp, Mary Scott, Greg Ayers.

Drum Major this year was David Hancock. Our band director is Frank Coffey.

Board officers for 1981-82 included Keith Leonard, president; Bruce Sanders, vice president; Dean Hamilton, secretary; and Blair Smith, reporter.

THE 1981-82 Appomattox County High School band. (Photo by Joe Vaughan)

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